

HOUSE BILL 3827

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,
Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to fiscal review.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-7-101, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) It shall be composed of the speaker of the senate, or the speaker's designee, the speaker of the house of representatives, or the speaker's designee, the chair of the senate standing committee on finance, ways and means (or if the committee has co-chairs, then one (1) of them, to be designated by the speaker), the chair of the house standing committee on finance, ways and means (or if the committee has co-chairs, then one (1) of them, to be designated by the speaker), all ex officio members, and fifteen (15) members to be elected as follows:

Six (6) senators and nine (9) representatives to be elected by the respective houses of the general assembly, with each house to elect an appropriate number of members from each of the two (2) major political parties so that the political make-up of the committee, exclusive of the speakers, shall reflect as nearly as possible the same ratio of members of such parties as the parties are represented in the respective houses. However, notwithstanding, no political party shall have less than two (2) elective members from each house of the general assembly.

(2) After committee membership is selected pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) and subsection (c), if the required political party ratio or minimum representation is undermined by changed circumstances other than a vacancy in the committee membership, then the required party ratio or minimum representation shall be promptly restored via appointment of an additional interim member or members by the appropriate speaker. The term of any member so appointed shall terminate at the next regular election of committee membership conducted pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) and subsection (c).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.